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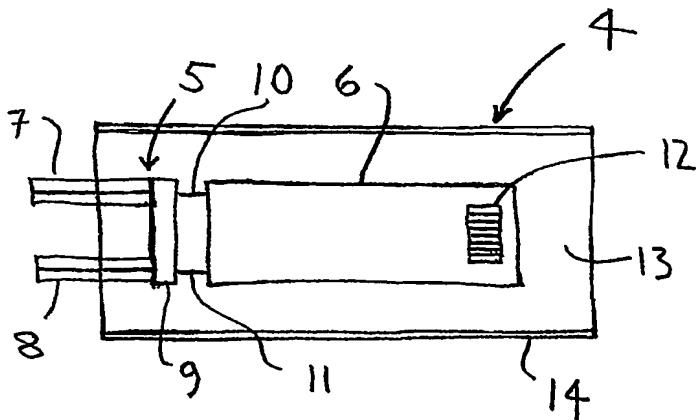
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work card, such as the type which is inserted into a
suitable slot in a rack forming a network node, to pro-
vide an interface to the node for telecommunications
traffic entering and leaving the node, typically carries
a receptacle to receive a plugable module which con-
tains a laser and receiver as optical interface, allowing
one card to be used with a number of optical inter-
faces, to avoid the need for a range of cards to be pro-
duced, each dedicated to one particular type of traffic,
for example, a particular distance and data rate. The
invention provides a module which is compatible with
existing optical modules, but which carries an electri-
cal interface.

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